SAC election forms available now

Student Administrative Council nomination forms are available now in the SAC office for students interested in running for next year's council but they cannot be handed in until Feb. 1, Glen Futers, SAC vice-president, said.

The election date, Feb. 23, has been moved up a month from last year's April 7 to give the new council a chance "to become more aware of their duties," Glen said.

This year's SAC held two meetings during the summer to get things organized for September. With the elections a month early, new SAC members can get things organized before this school year ends. They will have the opportunity to sit in on SAC meetings to get a better idea of their duties and familiarize themselves with the constitution.

"Last year we had one-and-a-half-hour orientation meeting with last year's SAC. It wasn't enough," Glen said. The new SAC won't be able to vote until the April 30 meeting but will be able to make some contributions at the meetings.

Students interested in running must have a 60 per cent average, be 18 years old by election date, have 25 signatures, be bondable and submit a $10 registration fee with their application.

COMMITS THEM

This fee "commits them," Glen said. "It discourages students who just want to run as a joke." All students are reimbursed after the election. Nomination sheets must be in no later than Feb. 5 and campaigning will be between Feb. 8 and 19.

One change in the rules this year is that no parties are allowed to run. "It's too much of a popularity contest that way," Glen said.

Glen said he will "strongly advise" candidates to campaign at the satellite campuses this year. Last year there were hard feelings towards SAC by the satellite students because no one campaigned at their campuses.

"They are a big part of this college," Glen said. Students at satellite campuses cannot run in these elections because getting here is a problem but each is supposed to have its own student council and SAC allots them money from student activity fees, Glen said.

Candidates can only campaign on campus and they can't hold campaign parties, Glen said. "They would be buying votes that way; candidates should win on their own merits." Anyone found breaking these rules will be kicked out, Glen said.

The first student election (then called the Student Administrative Assembly), was held in 1967, the year the college opened. Larry Lanigan was its first president.

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Honeymoon Capital

A hop, skip and a dunk away from the roaring brink of beautiful Niagara Falls, this honeymoon couple is discussing plans for their future during an autumn stroll in Queen Victoria Park. Engrossed with themselves, they appear oblivious to the awe-inspiring scenery. With Welland's past few days of warmer weather, spring can not be too far around the corner. Photo by Helen Doan

SAC conflicts, egos 'hurting students'

Mixed votes over trip

A trip to Edmonton by Darryl Nadeau, Student Administrative Council president, and Barb Morrison, vice president of external affairs, was passed despite objections by the other SAC members.

Darryl and Barb left Wednesday for a week's trip to study the winter olympics at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

There were outbursts at the Jan. 12 SAC meeting when other members felt they had not been given the opportunity to go.

A motion that SAC pay $70 for each of them passed, however, after Darryl obtained proxy votes from the three school representatives.

When the motion was first put to the vote, only Barb voted in favor. Darryl then held up the three proxy votes; three opposed the motion, two abstained and the motion passed 4-3. As chairman, Darryl does not have a vote.

"The Edmonton trip should have been a personal expense because it's not really SAC

By JULIE DEBRUIN
and WENDY KUDEBA
Staff Writers

Prejudices, lack of communication, swelled egos and different personalities among the executive of the Student Administrative Council are creating tension and "only hurting the students."

Underlying disagreements and arguments among SAC members came into the open after last Monday's SAC meeting. Members spoke individually to the Niagara News after the meeting.

Differences among members have caused heated discussions at recent meetings; one contentious issue was a trip to Edmonton by Darryl Nadeau, president, and Barb Morrison, vice president of external affairs, to study the winter olympics at another institution.

Kirk MacDonald, vice president of athletics, said Monday, "There seem to be two sides in the SAC office; personal feelings are getting involved and influencing people's voting and that's not fair to the students." Council members have "lost track of the idea" that SAC is for students.

"There is always tension," Darryl said.

"We're well aware of it," Barb said. "We all know we have to do something about it."

One of the problems is "SAC doesn't know how to work as a group," Ralph Rittner, vice president of finance, said.

TRY HARD

"We really do try hard but all it takes is one person to have a sign of an argument" for things to break loose, Barb said.

"It's hard with all the different personalities...it's hard to compromise when you feel what you are doing is right," Kirk said. "It's really frustrating when deep down I know there are some things students want" and they get voted down.

"We're supposed to work as a team," D.L. Webster, vice president of internal affairs, said. "I don't know how the tension started but it just got worse and worse," Ralph said. "It's not a happy situation right now" and he sees "no remedy in the near future...maybe never."

"The tension basically started in the first two weeks of September because Darryl was not around and no one really knew what he was doing," Glen Futers, vice president, said. D.L. agreed that was the start of it but feels that Darryl has made progress since then.

"It started when I wasn't there, some people had to take on a lot of responsibility," Darryl said. "A lot of people were upset." He had to go home to Espanola, Ont., for the first two weeks of school to complete his work contract.

MAY HELP

SAC members have mixed feelings about a conference they are planning for next month when speakers will discuss leadership with them.

"I hope; I'm optimistic. I just hope it works out for the better because we're just here for the students," Kirk said.

"The tension that exists hopefully will be relieved through that," Ralph said.

Steve and Glen disagree.

See SAC Pg. 12

Low voter turnout at board election

Brian Staneff edged out Margaret Birney in yesterday's Board of Governors election to become the student representative on the board.

Of the four races in this first election of internal members of the board, this was the only tight race. Brian, second-year marketing student, edged out Margaret, of human resources, by a mere 16 votes; 87 to 61.

Of nearly 6,000 full and part-time students eligible, only 192 voted.

The faculty representative is David Abraham, a mathematics teacher in the School of Business. Mr. Abraham won out over Isabelle Seburn of the Mack Nursing Centre by 98 votes to 31.

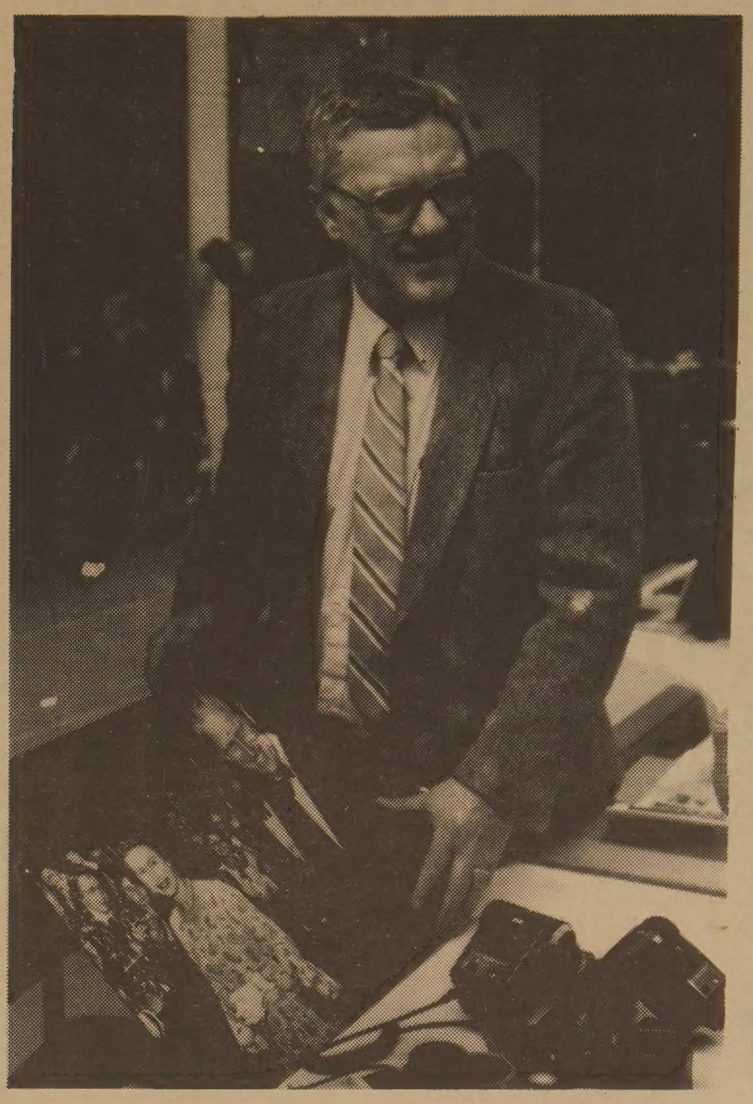
Of 295 faculty members, only 129 voted.

The administrative staff representative will be Ivar Noren, chairman of mathematics, office administration and part time studies in the School of Business. Mr. Noren has worked at the college for 20 years. Of 81 administrative staff, 50 voted.

Lawrence Wells, a computer operator in the college's computer centre, won out over Fred Maniak of media services by 84 votes to 40. Of 196 support staff, 124 voted.

The first meeting for the newly elected board members is next Thursday, Jan. 28.

Mr. Abraham and Mr. Noren have been observers on the board since last spring.



Newsworthy photos

A veteran of more than 35 years in photo-journalism, Cec Mitchell, chief photographer of the Welland Tribune, lectured to second-year journalism students this week. In addition to giving students an insight into the best equipment to use, Mr. Mitchell related anecdotes of some of the situations in which he found himself over the years. The lecture was highlighted with photographs Mr. Mitchell took of famous people.

Free trade a threat to Canada?

By TORY EDWARDS
Staff Writer

Canada will not be open to future, lively prospects in business and industry under a free trade agreement with the United States, Dr. John Mayer, professer of philosophy at Brock University, said.

"Canada cannot compete with the United States," Dr. Mayer told the St. Catharines Rotary Club Jan. 14.

Dr. Mayer, who is committed to global peace and human rights, stressed that he spoke from the perspective of a man convinced that there must be new global alignment.

"I am not an economist but I feel it would be a mistake for Canada to go in this direction."

Canada should be more interested in the development of Third World countries, especially China. A free trade agreement with the United States "isn't really free trade at all." It protects against development in Third World countries and "would tie our economy with the U.S.A. and not with the rest of the world." China takes up one-fifth of the world's population and is not economically insignificant. Developing joint ventures with China would "be better in the long run."

HALF-FORMED

That free trade with the U.S. will enable Canada to increase production is a "half-formed argument," Dr. Mayer said. "We would be playing an uneven game, vis a vis competitiveness with the U.S."

Politicians are not addressing the real issues here. Conflicting reports on the details, such as how to protect farmers, small industry and businesses, prove this. "Canada should use what she has — develop marketing, research development, industry, and manufacture by Canada for Canada."

Dr. Mayer is the founding chairman of the philosophy department at Brock University, and has taught there since 1965. He was born in Hungary and has lectured extensively around the world in such places as Greece, Hungary, Japan, China, Puerto Rico and Vienna.

FOR LONG RANGE

"Sights should be directed towards Third World countries rather than the U.S., for long-range ideals in Canadian industry and for humanity," Dr. Mayer said.

"This is not just a question of free trade but one of global and economic context." With the free trade movement, Canadians recognize U.S. protectionism and be sure that the U.S. is not protecting itself against Canada. "The preservation of the economic status quo should be considered." There should not be interference with standard continental North America.

Dr. Mayers long-range interpretation is that Canada should avoid a great continental barrier, and develop greater industry within Canada — for Canada.

DR. JOHN MAYER

Welland Campus rolls; bathrooms get changes

Good news for the college!

New toilet paper and towel dispensers are showing up in Simcoe building's washrooms.

"All the washrooms have been done except some in the Simcoe building," Ed Kirkorian, operations supervisor, said last week.

The new tissue and towel dispensers hold rolls of paper rather than interlocking tissue, providing for less waste. The change over from the old dispensers began last year. Flexo Products of Niagara Falls is supplying the dispensers free as long as the college buys its paper.

"The changeover at the Welland campus should be completed by April," Mr. Krikorian said.

Earlier he said that after the Welland campus is changed over, the St. Catharines campus and the satellite buildings will be done.

Program praise

Sachdeva: 'The sky is the limit'

He came to praise. Atul Sachdeva, a 1986 graduate of the Retail Management Program, is now a senior assistant manager of an F.W. Woolworth store in Toronto.

Atul visited Niagara Nov. 19 to speak to first and second-year retail management students about making career decisions.

"I was skeptical of staying in the course (retail management) a lot of times, but the course is good," Atul said. "It helped me. It gives you the basics of everything you'll learn in a big company. You'll grasp it quicker." The course at Niagara is one of the best in the country, he said.

Atul advised the students to look into big companies. There are a lot of opportunties, he said. The sky is the limit. You can go anywhere in the world if you want to. F.W. Woolworth is one of the largest independent retail management companies in the world, he said.

Atul has been transferred three times and at one time was responsible for opening and closing seven stores. "And I've only been with the company for a year."

"If you do really well, they'll keep you in one area," he said.

There are 17 stores in the Toronto area. The 3½-year training program progresses in six stages, with an exam every six months. "Not written in a couple of hours, but a report you have six months to finish," Atul said. "Simple compared to Mr. Pearson's." (He was referring to Don Pearson, coordinator of the retail management program.)

"If you show you can do it, they'll look at you and when the opportunity comes along you'll be transferred to a good position," he said.

Woolworth's owns stores in Germany, Australia, all over Europe and in the Orient; a person can go far in the company.

One thing that helps management trainees to succeed is "to walk the store first thing in the morning" and make a list of everything that needs to be done, then delegate the work. "Delegation is the key to success," Atul said.

sale

Old man winter is continuing the Assortment Sale at the

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this week.

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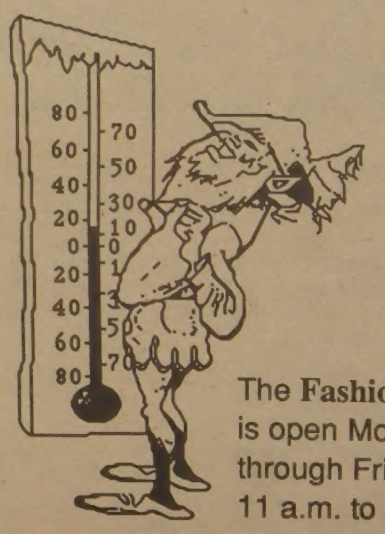

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Glen says no to 2nd clinic

The Student Adminstrative Council voted to hold a second blood donor clinic at the college March 31 though Glen Futers, vice-president, termed it " an all round bad idea."

He was the only SAC member present at their Nov. 30 meeting to vote against the motion.

Ralph Rittner, vice president of finance, disagreed with Glen."If one litre of blood was given and it helps one person survive, it's worth it," he said.

Barb Morrison, vice president of external affairs added, "it's worth doing if it helps the community out. "These comments were made in interviews after the meeting.

Glen said a second clinic held at the college last year was unsuccessful because students were too busy with finals and many people were sick with colds and the flu.

INVOLVED EVERYONE

Barb called the blood donor clinic one of the biggest activities at the college, "everyone helps out: law and security students, ambulance students, teachers and the health services."

"There are many other places in the Niagara Region to hold blood donor clinics — the GM union hall or local high schools...Why here again?" Glen asked. He said he feels students won't donate because there is no award. The Corpsuckle Cup is handed out for the first blood donor clinic only. Barb said she feels blood donor clinics "promote school spirit."

The coaches won't be happy about giving up the gym for another day, Glen said.

"There's too much organizing," he said. He hopes he's wrong about the outcome but knows he won't be. He feels SAC "was suckered into doing it again."

The blood donor clinic held here in November had 275 donors. The second one last March had 199 donors.

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Bring back any memories?

This relic may remind some of the early days of rock 'n roll music and duck tail hair cuts. Once used for bombing around town, and cruising for women, the relic is now only good to bring about nostalgia to those who lived in its time. Photo by Randy Conlon

No breakin suspects, tracer on stolen loot

Police are looking for a break in uncovering the person who broke into 14 lockers behind the Hamilton Room and stole text books and computer disks last Thursday night.

Jack Spittle, director of property and plant services, said there are no suspects and that the incident is "in the hands of the police."

He said a tracer has been put out on the missing items but the police cannot pin-point anyone at this point.

Constable Jeff Skaftfeld, Niagara Regional Police, said he could not understand why anyone would want to break into the lockers unless he was looking for something specific.

Dave Deleeuve, business student, had two computer disks stolen. He had several important essays and programs on them, and if the disks are not returned Dave will have to redo all of his work.

Many expensive textbooks were left in the lockers with other valuables.

Mr. Spittle said because the college does not have heavy security, and the break ins happened in such an isolated part of the college, the security was not to blame.

United Way goal short $

Niagara College has surpassed last year's goal of United Way contributions but is still $1,400 short of this year's goal of $18, 500.

"We need the staff to put us over the top," Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, and chairman of the college United Way committee, said.

Mr. Zanutto is asking anyone who hasn't contributed to please do so.

To puff or not to puff

Questions, questions, and more questions remain about the smoking campaign.

The results of two main surveys have been compiled, but Hans van der Slagt, dean of business, was not free to share them at this time, he said Monday.

A committee meeting was scheduled for before Christmas, but "with one thing and another, it was too difficult to stick to that time frame," Mr. van der Slagt, chairman of the smoking campaign, said. Another meeting is scheduled for Jan. 25.

"My intent is to work as quickly as we can to get the feedback from the committee of the board," he said.

"I know people are anxious, and the president is anxious, for us to come forward with some recommendations," Mr. van der Slagt said.

Faculty strike vote will be held Feb. 18

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

Niagara College's faculty do not want to got on strike, but they will if management does not come up with a suitable contract offer, faculty union president Joan Hastings said.

Commenting on the outcome of the general membership meeting Jan. 13, Mrs. Hastings said that although faculty would like to avoid a possible strike, they have fought hard for the issues at hand and will strike if they have to.

A strike vote has been called for Feb. 18 for all 22 community colleges in Ontario.

"Many members spoke forcefully about making such a serious move," Mrs. Hastings said. "They will (strike) if they have to. Even if it means a sacrifice."

Mrs. Hastings said that her local's key demand is a wage increase of at least six per cent, while management is offering an increase of 4.3 and 4.5 per cent.

Pay equity between teachers at all levels, librarians and counsellors is also an issue, but according to Mrs. Hastings, not one that alone will cause faculty to vote in favor of a strike.

EYES OPENED

"A lot arrived at the meeting feeling they would vote against the strike based on the parity issue," Mrs. Hastings said. "But many had their eyes open to the real danger of accepting this offer."

Mrs. Hastings said that the parity issue involves two Niagara College librarians, but was unable to name the number of counsellors involved.

Preservation of the workload formula is of major concern amongst union members. The formula was added to the previous contract following the province-wide strike of 1984, and is a key concern of management, Mrs. Hastings said.

DISMANTLE FORMULA

"It appears to the negotiating team — since the rejection of Sept. 29 — that management's (main objective) has been to dismantle parts of the workload formula arrived at in the last contract, as a result of the strike."

If the workload issue is abolished, it could threaten the jobs of many faculty members, "including those hired in August and September of 1986 and those employed on limited contract positions," Mrs. Hastings said.

"It is an issue that we spent 3½ weeks on strike over," she said. "And it is still very fresh in our minds."

Ontario Public Service Employees Union president James Clancy has said that Ontario College teachers will "hit the bricks in September of 1988" if the government does not meet union demands, but Mrs. Hastings said that her executive believes such statements are detrimental to the system.

"The locals can't be held responsible for Mr. Clancy's comments in the paper," she said.

Illegally parked cars may stop bus service

The Welland Transit may stop pickup service at Niagara College, Joe Hrechanyk, Transit Superintendent, said. A decision is to be made this week or next.

Illegally parked vehicles that line the curb in front of the Merritt building are preventing access for the city's buses; and if the problem is not resolved, pickup service will be discontinued, Mr. Hrechanyk said.

"We'll monitor it this week and then make a decision later this week or next week," Mr. Hrechanyk said. "If the problem does not resolve itself, we will have to make a decision whether or not to stay out on First Avenue."

SEEKING SOLUTION

Welland Transit has been in contact with the college, and together they are attempting to find a solution to the problem. Last year illegally parked cars were towed after the Tranist System threatened to cease pickup service at the college.

"It depends on the co-operation received from the people who park the vehicles on the roadway," Mr. Hrechanyk said. "People who ride the buses shouldn't have to suffer just because of other people."

Jack Spittle, director of property and plant services at the college, says the onus is on the students to remove their vehicles or face towing.

"If the ticket campaign does not work, we'll just start towing cars away," Mr. Spittle said. "It is inconveniencing other students and that is one thing we cannot tolerate."

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Editorials

Intramurals, good response

Time should be taken to congratualte and thank the students and teachers who have participated and are participating in the intramural activities this year.

Intramurals are an integral part of developing the college community. For one, they allow for much needed student interaction within the college.

They allow those students who are not able to play varstiy sports, whether it's due to lack of time or ability to participate in a sport of their own choice.

At Niagara, the response to intramurals is overwhelmingly good for such a relatively small college. Every student is given an intramural day on his schedules and have seven different sports in which to choose from. Three of those are offered as co-ed sports.

Intramurals give those students who are caught up with the pressures of school a chance to unwind. One or two times a week a student is able to put the frustrations of school to the back of his mind, and concentrate on haveing some fun playing an intramural sport.

The athletic department is to be commended for its part in putting together an excellent program. Medals are given to each member of a winning team, and at the annual athletic awards banquet one person is chosen as intramural athlete of the year in female and male categories.

So if you're just too shy to come out and play an intramual sport, you needn't be. They're there for you. Go out and enjoy yourself — you won't be disappointed.

Randy Conlon

Where's that clean feeling?

Although we've experienced some relatively cold spells this year and suffered through several days of freezing conditions, a major element usually abundant at this time is missing.

We definitely haven't seen the volume of snow and the conditions we have seen in the past in the Niagara Peninsula for this month of the year.

One could be misled about the month by looking outside lately. We usually see these conditions in October or April and not the middle of January.

Though most people hate snow because of the problems it causes in driving conditions and in walking too, it also has many enjoyable aspects.

People go skiing in it, tobogganing in it, kids can make snowmen out of it and it gives Christmas that special touch. Snow has a basic effect of blanketing everything in white, giving the area a clean feeling.

Any snow we've had this year has been washed away by rain or melted by a warm spell within a few short days. The only benefit this year has been those freezing conditions which turned local ponds into large outdoor skating rinks.

It isn't natural to see the ground in the peninsula in January. Could the greenhouse effect have something to do with this apparent lack of snow? Will it be like this from now on? Let's hope February contains the amount of snow we expect for this time of year.

Gordon Wilson

Letters

Theatre appreciates support

Dear Editor,

We thank you and your staff for the coverage which you gave us for our recent production of A Christmas Carol. The ongoing support of Niagara News has provided us with valuable publicity and we truly apprecaite your efforts.

Our thanks also to the many members of the Niagara College community who braved the weather to attend our performances both at the Theatre Centre and at Brock University. It was most gratifying for us to have such large and enthusiastic audiences, and in particular, to receive the letters of congratulations which many individuals sent. Dickens would be proud!

We hope this is the beginning of a tradition in which the spirit of co-operation and support within the college community which we felt, will flourish.

We can assure you that our next production, Sweeny Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, will provide a *thrilling opportunity for renewal of this spirit. "Let us entertain you."

Valerie Grabrove
for Theatre Arts Department

*how "close" was your last shave?

Torch tale brings praise

Dear Editor:

I would like to personally thank you (Cindy Logan) for the excellent article you wrote on the Olympic Torch Relay.(Niagara News, Jan. 15). Being interviewed, you wonder whether the reporter is able to capture the message you want to convey. After I had read your article, I felt very satisfied. Keep up the good work.

Ivan Noren
Chairman of mathematics, office administration and part-time studies.

More praise

Dear Editor:

Thank you, Sharon Andres, for your well-researched and provocative article on War Toys in the December issue of the Niagara News.

Since good reporting involves a keen awareness and understanding of people and ideas, I believe you will achieve success in your chosen career.

Good Luck!

Jennie Griffiths
English Department

Chase that puck!

Niagara College has developed a strong intramural program, including ice hockey, to help develop the college community. Photo by Rob Strohm

Someone at top cares

The Jan. 7 visit by Dr. Charles Pascal, chairman of the Council of Regents, shows "someone at the top" is concerned about the needs of the college, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara president, said.

It also showed that he was attempting to interpret the new role of the Council of Regents, the governing body of the 22 community colleges, for the future.

Miss Robarts welcomed the fact that the day provided staff members at all levels with the opportunity to talk with a chairman of the council.

Referring to Niagara's 55 programs, she said that as resources have to be spread, there is not much money for capital.

"Some programs operate at a disadvantage because we don't have state of the art equipment. For example, the radio and television program is excellent, with good job opportunities. But we need half a million for equipment."

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The chains of habit are weak until they are too strong to be broken

Focus On Alison Ruddy

Alison goes for the top

By TORY EDWARDS
Staff Writer

In 1983, an ambitious 18-year-old college girl left her homeland of England and came to the misty land that is Niagara Falls, Canada. The purpose of her journey was to continue her education in the hospitality industry — and she did that quite nicely. That same girl is now a young woman, and the food and beverage manager at the Pillar and Post Dining Inn at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Alison Ruddy was the first student from England to participate in an exchange program between High Peak College in Buxton, and Niagara College's Rainbow Centre in Niagara Falls. The program was initiated to allow two students per year, from both Canada and England, to travel and experience another country and therefore, learn different aspects of the hospitality industry.

Vibrant

Seated on a sofa, in front of a glowing fireplace at the Pillar and Post, the vibrant young woman spoke, in the English accent that colors her words, of her travels and experiences.

"I was a little naive when I arrived," she went on to explain that in all the excitement and confusion of coming from England to Canada, arranging for a student visa was neglected.

She arrived at Toronto International Airport expecting to meet her Canadian roommate, but she was stopped at customs and, when she couldn't produce a visa, was told she could not enter the country.

"They wanted to deport me back to England! There I was — 18 years old, knowing not a soul and 5,000 miles away from home."

"I had nothing with me to prove that arrangements had been made for me to attend Niagara College, it was all packed away in my suitcases," she said.

Several hours later, after a phone call to the Rainbow Centre, and a warning to obtain a student visa within 30 days, Alison made her way toward the region that was to become her permanent home.

"My first experience in Canada," she laughed. She is unlikely to forget it.

Alison was born in Lancashire. From there she moved, with her family, to live in the flat, farming country which is Lincolnshire. Her family was in the farming business, and she spent the next 14 years there. She went to high school in Grantham, the same school attended by Margaret Thatcher.

After two years at High Peak College, Alison moved to Canada, and during that year, met her future husband.

The following two years were not the easiest ones, as Alison returned to England to study for an advanced diploma. "It was difficult and very expensive," she said, referring to her long distance relationship. "But as soon as I finished school we were married, and I moved moved back to Canada."

Differences

Asked about the differences between her life in England and Canada, when she arrived to attend school, Alison said that people were different in that, "Everyone seemed so happy-go-lucky here. Nothing seemed to be of major importance."

"The first thing that really hit me was the difference in the set-up of the school from what I was accustomed to in England. High Peak was much more restrictive than college here." In England, a first-name basis between students and supervisors was not thought of. "High Peak was more like high school."

"Coming here for school was like a nine-month vacation for me — not that I didn't take my studies seriously — but because everthing was so new."

"It took me a long time to be comfortable with calling my superiors by their first names. I finally had to, because my not doing so stood out so much."

Alison has made many friends in Canada, but still misses home sometimes. Both her parents and her two brothers are in England. "I have some great friends here that I'm close to, but it's not always the same as people you've known for a long time."

Alison is very busy with and dedicated to her career and, therefore, said that children will have to wait for a while. The 26-year-old manageress said, "I have a dog and two cats — that's enough for now."

After arriving from England to enrol in Niagara College's hospitality program, Alison Ruddy has come to work at Niagara-on-the-Lake's reputable Pillar and Post Dining Inn. She holds the position of food and beverage manager. Photo by Tory Edwards

Recognizes Ministry

Eugene Gillies, president of the Provincial Administrative Staff Association, is walking on cloud 9 because his organization has received sudden recognition from the Council of Regents and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

In past years the ministry had not acknowledged letters, he said. "They had fear that we were going to unionize but now they realize that we are not a militant group."

Mr. Gillies, manager of Continuing Education Services, has been president of PASA since December 1986 and a member since its inception in 1980.

In December Dr. Charles Pascal, chairman of the Council of Regents, spoke at PASA's annual meeting. He commended the organization for representing themslves in a non-threatening way.

OWE APOLOGY

"We owe this organization an apology for the way we have treated you in the past," he said. Mr. Gillies said he was speaking as a past college president. Dr. Pascal agreed with PASA that they should have official representation on the Council of Regents.

"All of a sudden we have received recognition from the Council of Regents that we are a viable organization that can be useful," he said.

PASA now has direct input to the Council of Regents and "that's fabulous." "Administrative staff had no input to the council. We had no grass roots organization before."

Now there is an information flow with the Council of Regents and the ministry. "We've come of age."

"I can't take credit for everything that has happened; past presidents have done a lot of work since its inception."

"We have to be fiscally reponsible and politically wise. We want to recognize administrative responsibility but also speak as employees. That's hard but it's important."

Paralysing disease won't stop Cheryl

By JULIE DEBRUIN
Staff Writer

Five summers ago, Sheryl Davis, then a student in Niagara's film course, discovered she had joined the ranks of 35,000 other Canadians: she had Multiple Sclerosis.

Instead of allowing it to cut short her aspirations of becoming a producer, she has written a documentary on the disease and will be directing, producing and appearing in the production with the help of Niagara's third-year film students.

The 24-year-old St. Catharines resident who graduated from Niagara in 1984 is in her second year at Brock University studying sociology and history. The disease hasn't interfered much with her life since her symptoms are relatively mild.

"I lead a pretty normal life...you'd never know if you saw me."

She said every patient suffers different symptoms which come and go. The left side of her body is partially paralysed.

"I get dizzy spells and sometimes lose the sight in one eye" but these are brought on by pressure; when it disappears, so do the symptoms.

MS is a disease that affects the central nervous system usually striking its patients between the ages of 20 and 40. It is not fatal but patients often go into remission only to have it return more severely and the end result can be paralysis. But for many patients, the disorder remains mild and interferes little with ordinary life as in Sheryl's case.

Never Surrender

Filming of the documentary, tentatively called Never Surrender, will begin next month with the finishing date set for the end of April, Elias Petras, film teacher and executive producer of the production, said. It will probably be shot in and around the area "although locations are still being scouted."

The film will cover three case histories of people with MS: Sheryl herself, a person on crutches and one in a wheelchair.

It will be used by the MS society to show patients and their families what to expect. It will be a "personal film" telling people "what it is and how to deal with it. It will break a lot of myths about the disease." Most films on MS are old, he said.

Sheryl said her doctor told her she had three years to live when she was first diagnosed. "People are misinformed about the disease."

It will be distributed by the MS Society throughout Canada and may be picked up by an educational TV network, Mr. Petras said. It may also be shown in high schools.

The MS Society approached the Ontario Secretariat for Disabled Persons — a branch of the Ontario government — for money and received $17,000 for production costs. Extra money was granted for things like Sheryl's salary. Mr. Petras considers this a big budget for a college production. It affords "a lot more luxuries...special effects, original music, shooting more film..."

This will be the second time Sheryl has been involved in a production with the college since her graduation. In 1985, the college won a contract to film a documentary on a youth group convention on Prince Edward Island called Allied Youth International as part of Year of the Youth. Sheryl is the president.

She is also part of the MS Society in St. Catharines and of a support group that talks to newly diagnosed patients.

Teamwork

Two years ago, she started her own film company called Teamwork Ltd. If she averages one film every two years, she'll be happy. After working on two documentaries, she would like to get into dramas in the future.

The five crew members will be graded on their production of the film. "It's a term assignment," Mr. Petras said. "It's a full-time job for them," he said and since this is an outside production, it's more like the real world; "it's an added pressure."

The film course has had other experience working on outside productions. Last year Mr. Petras and his students did a documentary on religious education funded by the Roman Catholic Church.

Opposition

Mike Collins, Niagara College English teacher and a member of Niagara Regional Council, is organizing a meeting in St. Catharines next Tuesday to oppose Sunday shopping.

The meeting will be Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m., at the Canadian Auto Workers Hall, 124 Bunting Rd., St. Catharines.

Mr. Collins said he is opposed to the provincial government's decision to scrap the Retail Business Holidays Act and leave the decision up to individual municipalities.

Students, students

Polish student

Enjoyable extended vactation

By SHARON ANDRES
Staff Writer

Bozena Gawronski, a first-year nursing student at Mack Nursing Centre, was a registered nurse for three years in Poland before she came to Canada in 1982 for what turned out to be a very extended vacation.

While she was enjoying Canada's scenic landscape, martial law was enforced on her homeland. This meant a lot of services were shut down in Poland and no one was allowed to enter or leave the country.

When martial law was lifted, Bozena decided to stay in Canada, eventually becoming a Canadian citizen. "It was terrible, hard, scary, without English, without family, to be an immigrant."

"I'm so happy now that I broke the barrier to speak to people," Bozena said in a pronounced accent. "Before, I was so afraid to speak."

Bozena is in her first of three years at Mack. Even though she graduated as an RN in Poland 10 years ago, she has to be retrained in Canada because of the different and new technologies since her graduation.

The school work is much different here than in Poland. Referring to getting tested in an exam setting, she said, "I never before got tested like that. It's a different way, my education and here," and so it is a little difficult.

Many things are the same as in the RN program in Poland, but "medicine changes year by year so I have to learn again."

BOZENA GAWRONSKI

"In Poland there is a shortage of everything, especially medicine, in the hospital."

Bozena wants to work with children. She feels she will be a good nurse in the pediatric ward of any hospital. Working in Third World countries would be her next choice.

Nursing "was my dream when I was a child," she said. "There was no other occupation for me. I will be a good nurse. I am friendly and I enjoy working with people."

Male student pursues career in nursing

By DONALD WILSACK
Staff Writer

Nursing is "an open profession like a lot of things today," says Niagara Falls native Paul LoStracco, 24, one of five males among 125 first-year students at the Mack Centre in St. Catharines.

"We get into some nice debates about male-female complexes," he said.

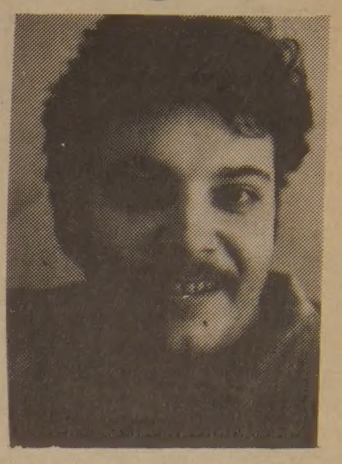
Paul has a bachelor of science degree in biology from McMaster University but was not keen on research or teaching as a vocation. After a year off school and some volunteer work at the hospital in Niagara Falls, he decided to pursue nursing.

"I always wanted to do something in the medical profession. Nursing seemed like an exciting job and you are helping people out."

Paul said the field is expanding with registered nurses having more responsibilities. He said because nurses are with patients constantly, they are allowed to make more decisions regarding care.

Niagara's nursing students learn Roy's Adaptation Model. This is a belief that the best way to care for patients is to get them to adapt to the environment through four modes, self concept, role function, interdependence and physiological.

"We assess patients in these modes and the nurse draws up a nursing care plan which is used to give the patient the best possible care to bring them back to the best possible health," he said.



PAUL LOSTRACCO

With the program, working part- time and membership in the St. John Ambulance, he finds himself very busy with little time to socialize. But he said he loves the program and called his teachers the best because of their support and help.

Unlike some male-dominated occupations, he does not find it a problem to be in the minority and "gets along great" with his colleagues. For the future, he is considering further schooling, teaching nursing, and nursing in an emergency ward or intensive care unit.

"The problem with nursing is that it's been stereotyped for so long," Paul said. "I would like to see more males in the profession because if females can do it, we can do it."

Nursing student leads full life

By RANDY CONLON
Staff Writer

Could you imagine being 19 years old, having two boys 3½ years old, and taking on a full course load at Niagara College's Mack Centre for Nursing?

Well, if you can't, introduce yourself to first-year student Rhonda Collins.

At 16, Rhonda gave birth to twin boys, Brian and Christopher. But Rhonda wasn't going to allow the birth of her sons to slow down her ambition to enter the medical field. In fact, Rhonda feels that the boys' birth gave her an even stronger reason to finish school.

She chose nursing because she always wanted to get into the medical field. "I'd like to be a doctor, but right now it wouldn't be a good idea because of the boys. I love to work with people and help people," she said.

Getting to where she is today hasn't been easy for her. After Grade 10 at Denis Morris High School in St. Catharines, Rhonda had to take five night school courses and three correspondence courses before going back to high school where she graduated in June of 1987.

As far as balancing her schedule goes, Rhonda barely has time to relax. "The biggest difficulty is my clinical day because we start at 7:30 and the day care doesn't open until 7:30. But my parents and John (her boyfriend and the boys' father) have been very supportive and help me out on these days."

RHONDA COLLINS

Rhonda is very happy at the nursing centre even though it is not what she expected.

"There's a lot more to it than I expected. I didn't realize the legal responsibility and that there was so much work involved. It's very challenging, and I love challenges."

Other difficulties such as lack of study time, one of the boys getting sick or days when the day care is closed are among the problems Rhonda is able to overcome, thanks to her strong support.

"My greatest success is that I've had a lot of support from both my parents and John," she said.

She and John plan to marry. After graduating from the nursing program, Rhonda intends to practise for a while. Depending on how things go, she may go back to school after she is married to become a doctor.

Three new programs at satellite campus

Three programs will be starting soon at St. Catharines campus sponsored by Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Committee, Hans van der Slagt said Monday.

The programs are baker/pastry cook; food service program; and beverage service program. The baker program is not new, it has been offered before, and the food service program was previously offered under a different format.

"These programs were bought by an external body that decides what kind of training is needed in the community," Mr. van der Slagt, dean of business, said. "We bid on them, and were awarded the bid."

Neil McGregor, hospitality and development division chairman, will be responsible for the programs.

"We hope to start the programs in the next couple of weeks," Mr. van der Slagt said.

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Entertainment

Thorold band Under A Blood Red Sky is shown on stage in the main cafeteria performing a tribute to U2 during a pub night at the college Jan. 12. The band members are Ed Vendromin, Tom Davies, Darryl Fleming, Jay Halliwell and Joe Shugan.
Photo by Gord Wilson

Tribute fires a Blood Red Sky

A Thorold-based band called Under A Blood Red Sky put on an impressive performance of a Tribute to U2 at the college's pub night Jan. 12.

Tom Davies is the lead singer for the band; on guitar and keyboards, Ed Vendromin; bass guitar, Darryl Fleming; drums, Jay Halliwell and guitar, Joe Shugan. They have been together for about a year but have been doing the Tribute to U2 for a few months.

They are touring Ontario colleges and universities and clubs along their route with the Tribute to U2.

"We're hoping to play across the country with the tribute format," Jay said. The band is booked up for most of this year.

Known before as The Feds, they toured out east under that name. After returning to Ontario, they decided to give the tribuite idea a try.

"We picked U2 because they are a very hot band and we enjoy their music," Jay said. They are strictly a U2 tribute band and play material from most of U2's albums, including material from The Joshua Tree (1987), The Unforgettable Fire (1984) and Under A Blood Red Sky (1983) from which they took their name.

Their road manager is Ray Philip. Mike Stock is the sound technician and Rod Dzugan, lighting co-ordinator.

Jay said the band just hopes to have a good time playing the Tribute to U2 and to play original music in its spare time.

Good work, VP Glen

Glen Futers, vice president of the Student Administrative Council, and student observer on the Board of Governors, showed a keen interest in all board proceedings, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

"All board members appreciated Glen's interest and contribution to their deliberations," Miss Robarts said. "We all wish him well as he graduates."

Glen, who attended his last board meeting Jan. 7, will be graduating in April and, therefore, is not eligible to be elected as an internal member of the board.

Miss Robarts said he asked appropriate questions and informed the board about student needs, concerns and problems.

At his last meeting he indicated it had been a real learning experience for him and he had enjoyed the opportunity.

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Granada Canada Ltd., a subsidiary of the group based in Great Britain, leases and retails televisions and other home entertainment equipment.

Mr. Gazzellone discussed the direction Granada is going, to give the students some idea of the kind of people Granada is looking for. Mr. Gazzellone graduated in 1979 from the retail managment program at the college.

"We're looking for people who are aggressive and take initiative," Mr. Gazzellone said. Granada wants people who can adapt to change, express themselves to the public and have a postitive attitude.

"We're looking for result-oriented people, people who set goals for themselves and strive to achieve them," he said.

TRAINING PLAN

Once selected and recruited, employees enter Granada's step-by-step training plan which is designed to enhance employee professionalism. In one step of the training plan, employees gain "an indepth knowledge" of all the products Granada sells. In another step, employees learn the principles of selling techniques.

As sales supervisors, employees are identified as people who will be taking over a store. Employees advance by results and attitude.

At the final stage, the regional sales managment program, the trainee would be a manager of 10 to 15 stores.

This plan is a road map for new employees of the path to reach certain goals. "A goal is something I think everybody who wants to work needs to have in front of them. We are firm believers that we want our people to feel good about working for us."

The group in Great Britain began in 1934 and has been in Canada since 1969. The first branch was on Yonge Street in Toronto with 30 people. They now own 70 stores and 71 Granada authorized dealerships in Canada.

Granada was the only TV rental company for 13 years. In 1982 it began renting VCR's, a venture that was very successful as the company was in it from the beginning. It started retailing in 1985.

Granada has operations in Italy, France, Switzerland and Denmark as well. It also controls resort hotels, restaurants and broadcasting companies.

It's a Sweet Life!

By SHARON ANDRES
Staff Writer

The floor in the Sweet Life Cafe is tiled in large black and white squares. Orange and green prints on grey walls display semi-nudes in the process of love-making.

Frank Carusetta, 25, has made something of himself. Something in his younger days he had always dreamed about but never thought possible. Frank opened the Sweet Life Cafe five short years after attending the Forum. The what? The Forum?

What is the Forum?

The Forum is an organization designed to support its members in their search for knowledge about themselves. The Forum helps its members make the best out of their lives.

The air in the dimly-lit 42-seat restaurant is a combination of constant music (tonight's supper hour music is jazz pianist Oscar Peterson) and the conversations of customers dining on Michelangelo pasta and sipping cappucino or imported beer.

Insights

"The Forum is an inquiry into what it is to be a human being," Frank said while seated on a pink chair at one of his black and white tiled tables. "It's a crash course on yourself where you find out a lot and see a lot about yourself."

The insights he attained are partially responsible for the success of his project, the Sweet Life Cafe. Before he took the Forum, Frank had many ideas about what he would like to do with his life, ranging from becoming a recording engineer to starting his own restaurant.

"The Forum showed me that I'll never do anything until I choose something," Frank said. "I saw that making a commitment to do something was missing from my life. I was unwilling to be committed to anything for fear of making a mistake."

He analyzed his reasons for his not making a concrete decision and saw that they were not as important as he perceived them to be. In other words the pro's outweighed the con's. "You have to conquer all those self-defeating thoughts."

A month after attending the Forum, Frank chose to become a restauranteur. He considers the Sweet Life Cafe a prototype and has future plans of franchising.

Chris Eros, 25, participated in the Forum three months ago. "The Forum has enabled me to look at life as an optimist," he said. "It has shown me where I can have control over my own life instead of living by life's circumstances."

"The Forum enables you to step beyond your conversations about the way life should be. It doesn't tell you anything you don't already know and it's not a cure for what ails you."

Power

The Forum provides direct access "to the domain of being itself," a pamphlet describing it says.

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The Forum takes place over 50 hours and is compressed into two weekends and one three-hour evening. Seminars are available to graduates three times a month.

It was started in 1971 by Werner Erhard and Associates and is available in 12 countries including Japan, India and West Germany. Frank calls the Forum braincleansing. "It clears out all the cobwebs you have in your mind and allows you to see all the available possibilities."

The Forum was best described for Chris by a quote from Ortega y Gassett in the pamphlet; "We cannot put off living until we are ready. The most salient characteristic of life is its coerciveness; it is always urgent, 'here and now,' without any possible postponement. Life is fired at us point blank."

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CARSA stands ready to help the abused in the Niagara Falls community and elsewhere. Directing the day-to-day operations of the crisis centre and providing public education are (left to right) Kim Simon, executive director; Cheri Huys, executive assistant, and Donna Christie, public education director. Photo by Tory Edwards

CARSA helps victims any way, any time

By TORY EDWARDS
Staff Writer

Sexual assault is a "hugh crime" and has a lot to do with the way people are raised, the social behaviors taught them while growing up, Cheri Huys, executive assistant of the Committee Against Rape and Sexual Assault, said.

"Ninety-nine per cent of assaults are committed by men, and 90 per cent of the victims are women."

CARSA celebrated its 10th anniversary last year. It is a place where those who have been raped, sexually assaulted or incestually abused can call or go to for support.

"We accommodate anybody, any way we can, at any time," Cheri said.

USES VOLUNTEERS

People working for the centre are volunteers. An eight-week training course on crisis intervention techniques, a format for counselling, is offered free of charge. Two volunteer training courses will begin this February in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls.

"Volunteers are responsible, reliable people who can handle the situations that come up, because some are frightening," Cheri said. "These people are assertive, are good listeners and, above all, they are willing to be a friend."

Volunteers are trained to know what options to offer a victim, and to let them make their own decision about what to do. "We are unconditional and non-judgemental with everyone."

Victims are supported throughout every step, from being provided legal and medical advice to being helped through the ordeal of court which can take up to two years in some cases.

24-HOUR LINE

The 24-hour crisis line, educational programming and funding commitees are some of the areas in which the volunteers choose to work.

"People learn a great deal about themselves and about others from this course," Cheri said. "They become good friends because they share very personal and emotional feelings and experiences.

"There is a good turnout of volunteers. About 30 are actively involved in dedicating time to the crisis line."

CARSA assisted in 100 cases of assault in 1985, and last year it helped more than 200 people. "We receive a lot of recognition by word of mouth," Cheri said. The centre conducts school programs and representatives of the centre speak at community group meetings upon request.

"People must be educated in this unacceptable aspect of our society, and everyone should be interested," Cheri said.

For more information about CARSA, visit the centre at 5017 Victoria Ave., in Niagara Falls, or call 356-9662.

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The courses are taught by women, and this is the only form of self-defence to receive endorsment from rape crisis centres in Toronto, Hamilton, and from CARSA, in Niagara Falls. "It gives women a lot more confidence," Donna said.

Classes are offered in February and March, three hours per week, in Niagara Falls and in St. Catharines. Cost is $50 per adult woman, and $35 per student and senior citizens. For more information, or to enrol call Donna Christie at CARSA — 356-9226.

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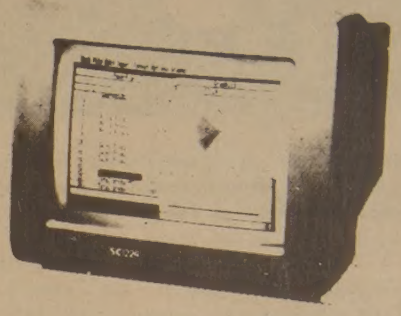

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Primitive Mexico

Tourists change culture but little

By HELEN DOAN
Staff Writer

It is Monday. Wash day.

Dawn Addy sorts the laundry into two piles — whites and colors. Middle-aged, with features more Oriental than Mexican, she is dressed in a worn, but spotless, cotton, shift. Overtop, a faded, and equally-spotless, apron protects her dress. While working to remove grime from a pair of acid-washed jeans, she hums a Spanish melody, occasionally pausing to pass the time of day with workers applying a red-tile roof to the building beside where she is working outdoors. Her sun-freckled hands move the wet jeans in a constant to-and-fro motion against the rough grooves of the washboard — part of the simplistic, cement-constructed, washing receptacle. For the next five hours she will continue manually extracting dirt from clothes; for every 12 items cleaned, she charges the equivalent of 50 cents Canadian.

Eight miles west of Acapulco's hustle and bustle atmosphere, the sands of time have all but trickled to a stop in the Mexican village of Pie di la Cuesta.

Towering grassy mountainsides stand sentinel over the village on three sides; facing the western horizon is a coastline of golden beach pummeled by tumultuous surf — deadly undertows make it Acapulco's roughest beach. In contrast, a few yards away, across the road which terminates at a military post, is tranquil Coyuca Lagoon — the scene of national water-ski championships and a fisherman's paradise.

Even wringer washers are unheard of in the Mexican village of Pie de la Cuesta. Laundry woman Dawn Addy toils long hours at a cement washboard, extracting grime from clothes. She takes pride in her work, and charges the equivalent of only 50 cents Canadian for every 12 items of clothing cleaned. Photo by Helen Doan

Absent

Except for the few oceanside tourist hotels, signs of wealth are noticeably absent in Pie de la Cuesta — a handful of dirt-stained buildings comprise what may loosely be termed the centre of town, where items for sale range from Bimbo bread and Corona cervaza (beer) to fresh fruit and cheap souvenirs. But while living conditions may be poor, the people have a rich appetite for enjoying life.

Fiestas mark every occasion — weddings, deaths, religious holidays. But the piece de resistance is when a young girl turns 15 (quince anos).

Dressed in an all-pink, floor-length, gown, she enters the party, escorted by two young men, dressed in white suits with a pink cummerbund, and white shoes. Together, they dance the chambelan, a dance with alluring connotations, which officially opens the party. After dances with her father, family members and close friends the girl again shares a ritual dance with her escorts; champagne-filled glasses are held throughout the dance, at the dance's termination.

A pinata, filled with confetti and surprises, is broken open for the children, and a close girlfriend gives the 15-year-old a doll, dressed in pink, as a symbol of the childhood she is now leaving behind. A mariachi band provides dancing music, and as at weddings, a multi-layered, decorated cake is shared with the guests, who often do not leave until after the first rays of sunlight filter over the horizon.

Residents of Pie de la Cuesta spend a relaxing Christmas Day — swimming and picnicing — at tranquil Coyuca Lagoon. With temperatures in the low 90's, and palm trees to add beauty to the scene, below-freezing weather, and frantic present buying, are furthest from the mind. Photo by Helen Doan

Winter preparations

"They do it every year. They know it's coming but most people wait until it's here and then there is a big rush."

Winter is what Merril "Willie" Gordon, service manager for five years at Marc Patrick Motors on Hartzell Road, St. Catharines, is talking about and motorists being prepared for it. A class "A" general repairs mechanic for more than 30 years, he said it never fails to happen.

"Even then, a lot of them figure that anti-freeze is the big thing. You can't do without it but there are other things just as important."

GOOD BATTERY

A good battery is the first thing a motorist must make sure of with a good fan belt to make sure the system is kept charged up because so much more power is used during the winter months, he said. Then there are the water pump and hoses. These should all be checked and in good condition before a driver even starts thinking of anti-freeze. Change the oil for winter use.

Arctic blades on windshield wipers are best because they are rubber-coated and won't stick to the windshield even in the worst weather. Keep a good scraper and brush handy and extra anti-freeze windshield washer in the trunk.

Always have a small container of lock de-icer in a handy place and "not in the car", he said.

Snow tires are a must and there are other aids to go along with them such as tire chains that are placed under the wheels, not the kind worn around them. Mr. Gordon said full-time use of tire chains is restricted to the north where there is lots of snow for long periods of time. In the peninsula where snow can come and go in a matter of hours, a motorist may be fined for driving on the bare pavement with them. Studded tires were barred many years ago because, like tire chains, they tear up the pavement.

Keep a six-pack of de-icer fluid on hand and add it to the gas tank every three or four fill-ups. A fully approved gas container is handy in the event of being stranded too long in traffic or some country road without gasoline. For anyone who must wait in the car a blanket would be handy.

HARDER TO START

In the trunk there should be a box of salted sand and a shovel, Mr. Gordon said. A flash light, booster cables and flares should be carried at all times but, when motors are more apt to be harder to start in the winter, cables should be considered a necessity.

"Lots of people like to hope when they can't get their car started that the next guy they ask to help them will have a set. Then they cuss themselves when they have to phone a garage or CAA to come and help them while they wait in the cold. A lot of this stuff could be avoided."

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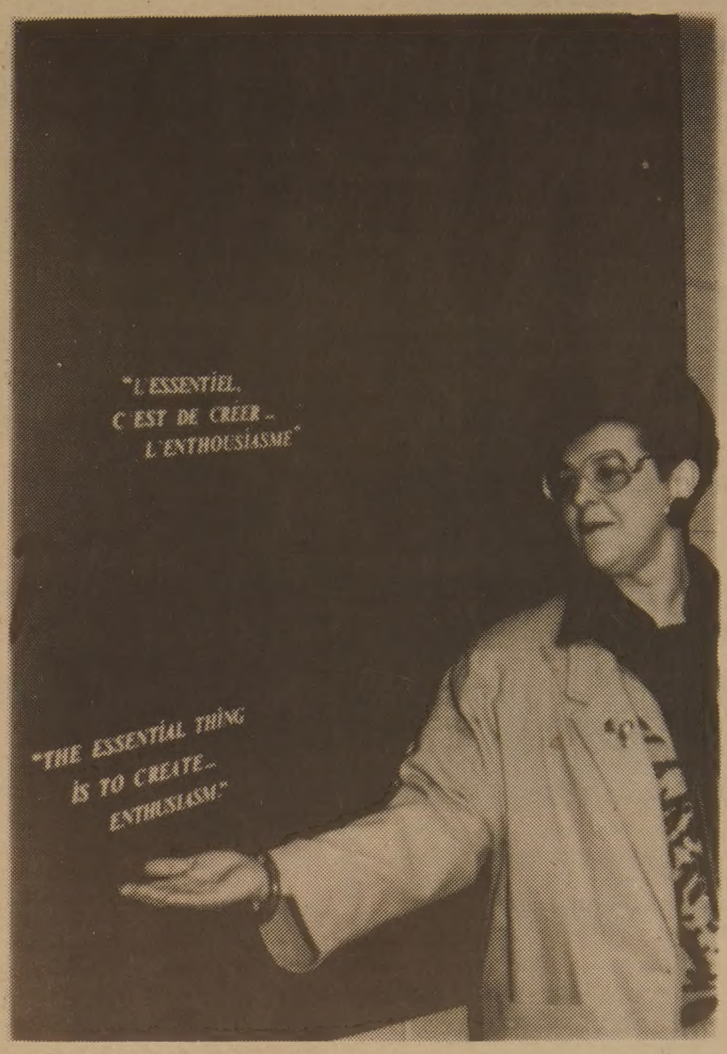
Regional co-ordinator new rep

Niagara College's new francophone representative on the Board of Governors is Anne Audet-Siewert. Ms. Audet-Siewert, regional program co-ordinator for French language schools, replaces her former pupil, Annette Lemelin, who resigned from the board in 1987.

For 30 years, Ms. Audet-Siewert has been involved in French language education — she has taught all grades from one to 13 in French language shools, and spent two years teaching for the Department of National Defence in Germany. She is fluent in French and German.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ottawa University and a Master of Education from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Her administrative experience includes stints as elementary school vice principal and principal; eight years as visual consultant for the Niagara South Board of Education; and 2½ years as education officer with the Ministry of Education in Toronto, where she was also responsible for the revision of the provincial visual arts curriculum guideline — English and French versions.

Ms. Audet-Siewert is a strong proponent of the expansion of French programs and services. Her involvement with Niagara College includes several continuing education courses and a strong interest in the maintenance and development of French Language Services. A resident of Welland, Ms. Audet-Siewert has two daughters; both have studied in French language schools.



ANNE AUDET-SIEWERT

Loan owed by college contributed to centre

By CINDY LOGAN
Staff Writer

Niagara Falls has forgiven a $135,000 loan owed by the college as a contribution toward the new Hospitality Centre.

"We approached the City of Niagara Falls to ask for forgiveness of a loan of $135,000 with them," Hans van der Slagt, dean of business, said Monday. "We asked them to consider it a contribution to the cost of the facility and they have agreed."

The $6 million may not be enough and fundraising may be necessary.

"We realise that the $6 million is not going to be quite enough," Mr. van der Slagt said. "We will be looking into some fund-raising events.

A food facility design consultant firm and a construction economist firm are working with the architect to make maximum use of space and to ensure the centre is within the budget allowed, he said.

Niagara College was given a $6 million grant last summer to build a new hospitality centre on Dunn Street, the college's property in Niagara Falls. Programs that will be moved into the new centre are hotel and restaurant administration; cook apprentice, advanced and basic; two tourism programs, English and bilingual; and two food preparation programs. Richard Baker of Flemming-Baker was chosen as the architect of the new centre.

HAPPY WITH PLANS

The college was "very happy" the third set of plans received from the architect before Christmas.

"We are in the process of fine tuning the space now," Mr. van der Slagt said. The Brampton firm of Nelson Hofer and Associates, specialists in designing space for teaching, for hotels and restaurants, is working for the architect. "They will be able to make the maximum use of existing space and make sure it's efficient and effective."

The college has employed a firm of construction economists, Huinink Consultants, of Burlington to take the architect's plans and other information and do a cost study.

FIRST STUDY

The firm is completing the first study. When finished, it will be discussed with the architect and may cause modifications to plans if costs are in excess of the budget, Mr. van der Slagt said. Each study will be more precise as the costs are more detailed.

Fundraising is being discussed with Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services. The staff is just starting discussions, at a very preliminary level, with Foster Zanutto, who is responsible for fund-raising at the college."

Labor representative *from St. Catharines*

St.Catharines resident Patricia Poirier will be representing the labor community as an external member on Niagara College's Board of Governors. Ms. Poirier, whose appointment became effective Jan. 1, replaces former labor representive John Chamelot, who resigned last March when he moved out of the area.

Nominated to the board by the St. Catharines Labor Council, Ms. Poirier has had extensive experience in the labor movement. For the past two years she has served as President of Local 6595, United Steelworkers of America, at Foster Wheeler Inc. in St. Catharines, where she is employed as secretary to the director of construction. Ms. Poirier also sits on the St. Catharines and District Labor Council, where she has been filling the post of recording secretary since October 1987.

A keen interest in education has attracted her to the Niagara College Board of Governors. Her community involvements include a position on the Board of Directors of the Family Education Centre, and she is chairperson of the Family Education Centre's Personnel committee. Mother of two young children, Ms. Poirier is concerned that all youth realize the importance of education.

PATRICIA POIRIER

Although she would like to share in solving any problems Niagara College faces, Ms. Poirier is particularly interested in assisting teachers to improve their qualifications and methods.

She has served on the college's Labor Studies Advisory committee for a year, and is anxious to expand her involvement with the college.

Trivial Pursuit Jan. 28

A Trivial Pursuit competition will be held Jan. 28 with the semi finals Feb. 2 and the finals Feb. 4 in the Hamilton Room at noon.

Teams of up to four people can register, Ralph Rittner, Student Administrative Council vice-president of finance and game organizer, said. The first place team will have the option of hockey tickets to Buffalo or a $20 gift certificate from the bookstore. Sign up sheets are in the SAC office.

Gordon Chen glad to be back

By MARGARET BARTLETT
Staff Writer

After three months in China, Dr. Gordon Chen is glad to be back in Canada, especially after one day between a trip to Vienna and leaving for China.

He went to China at the beginning of September to teach new product development at the Canada/China Enterprise Management Training Centre. In August he went to Vienna, Austria, where he represented Canada at a meeting of the International Electrotechnical Commission.

Dr. Chen said it was an honor just to be nominated. "It feels good," he said. It brings Canada to the international stage to have a representative at the meeting. Canada seldom has representation; usually only the big powers are there.

Canada exports technical knowledge and, therefore, international visibility is important, he said. While in Vienna, he discussed programmable control standards with representatives from England, France, Japan, Germany and the United States.

He was chosen because of the recommendation the commission received from the secretary of the Standards Council of Canada in Ottawa where he acts as a volunteer technical specialist.

He found himself stuck in Austria for an extra day as the airline had overbooked the flight. He was desperate to get home because he had to pack for his three-month trip and was left with only one day between his return to Canada and his departure for China. "It was really a rush," he said.

While in China, he was really busy teaching, lecturing, doing consulting work for companies and learning Tai-Chi, Chinese shadow boxing.

DR. CHEN IN CHINA

The Chinese are trying to elevate themselves from the 19th century so it is important to teach them courses that they have no expertise in, he said. It is important to teach them how to develop new products. Chinese instructors were taught so that they can teach the courses in the future.

"I really started a new course over there," he said. The course was not only new to the centre but to China. There are only two Chinese books on new product development. "I used Canadian industry examples in my lectures and that's something I'm proud of."

The Chinese government is attempting to modernize the country and they are eager to learn western management techniques. So they invite community college teachers from various countries to their training centres. Dr. Chen was one of a group of six teachers to visit the centre at that time.

"Some of the best instructors they have at the centre were trained at Niagara College," he said. The college is really active in that regard in spite of its small size. Administrators from the centre have been coming to the college since 1983.

Dr. Chen is the third Niagara College instructor to teach at the centre. Previously Hans van der Slagt and Dr. Anthony Goss taught business at the centre. "We are doing really well; we had three teachers and one student in China last year."

He taught students recommended by the Chinese government. They included plant chief engineers, plant managers and assistant plant managers.

He has been collecting case studies from Canadian industry to supplement his theory but would like to have input from more companies.

"It's a lot of promotional work for the companies that respond and I'm quite proud of that," he said. "This has really helped me to understand Canadian industry."

Four apprentice Chinese teachers worked with him. "We worked together but I took all the course material over there. They contributed by taking me to Chinese industries." It was a really good experience, he said; "It really expanded my knowledge of China's economy and industry."

Chinese people have the impression that Canada is a big power because of Canadian visibility over there. The Canadian government is spending little money but is using a good strategy because the Chinese really respect education. The U.S. and Germany are spending 10 times as much money, he said.

He also gave lectures at the Ontario/Jiangsu Technology Centre and The South China Institute of Technology. "It was really tiring because I also did consulting work and visited industries," he said. "But, it was a big gain for me."

When he got home, he really appreciated Canada. "It was really a luxury just to have a shower."

The Legal Eagles are mixed intramural volleyball champions this season. They are, from left, front row, John Mans, Dan DiMarco and Kirk MacDonald. Back row, Karen Hudspeth, Kathy Morgan, Sara Marasco and Jackie Samuels. Absent was Marty Burse. Photo by Wendy Kudeba

Legal Eagles soar over volleyball rivals

By WENDY KUDEBA
Staff Writer

The Legal Eagles beat out the Financial Wizards in a non-stop flurry of action to win the mixed intramural volleyball championships held in the gym Friday. (Jan. 15).

"We worked hard as a team and that helped us to win," Kirk MacDonald said. "The fact that we played volleyball together last year in physical education helped."

The Eagles team is made up entirely of second-year law and security students and their rivals are all business administration-financial management students.

The first game of the championship match was easily taken by the Eagles 15-5 but the second game proved challenging as the Wizards refused to give in to defeat.

The teams played with one another, gaining a few points at a time on each side. There was a lot of action and the players were in constant battle with the ball and rivals. The Wizards smugly took two points to win the second game 16-14.

The Eagles got off to a great start in the third game of the match with a quick 8-1 lead but a loss of serve threatened to lose the game for them when the Wizards gained six consecutive points.

Getting the serve back, the Eagles kept it and took the score to 13-6. The teams held it there, toying with the serving privilege. Finally, the Eagles finished the game with two points for a 15-6 win.

"It was fun. We just played to have fun; there was less pressure to win that way," Dan DiMarco, an Eagles player, said.

The two teams had developed an intense and playful rivalry since they were the only two teams in the mixed league.

SPORTS

Hockey Knights

V-ball Finals

Hockey team has big Knight

By ROB STROHM
Staff Writer

If last Saturday night's game was any indication of how the Niagara Knights plan to perform during the second half of their hockey season, fans are destined to see some entertaining hockey.

The Knights blasted the Conestoga Condors by 13-2 upping their record to three wins, four losses and, at the same time, their morale.

"It was a good all-round effort by all the guys," coach Fred Bassi said. "It was definitely a good game for us, and I was glad to see it."

This game also broke a four-game losing streak the Knights had after starting the season with two consecutive wins.

The Knights topped the Condors not only in the scoring category but also in skating, hitting and forechecking — giving them a 3-0 lead at the end of one period.

THREE SAVES

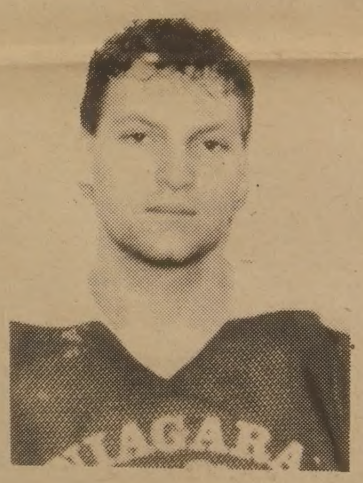
The Condors managed three breakaways in the early going, but goaltender Jim Darling stymied the opponents on all three occasions.

"Those saves by Jimmy knocked the air out of them," Mr. Bassi said.

The Condors closed the gap to 3-1 early in the second, but the Knights never looked back as they left the second period with a cushy 6-1 lead.

Blake Sawyer and Bruce Horvath led the way for the Knights, as each player tallied two goals and three assists with Chris Vandemeer chipping in a goal and three assists. Other scorers for the Knights were, Mike Martineau and Nick Minken, with two apiece, and singles going to Pat Flynn, Jim Beattie, Rod Estabrook and Neal Krulik.

The Condors now have lost two to the Knights in Welland while



BLAKE SAWYER

taking both games played on their home ice. Mr. Bassi explained the difference in scores — 9-2 and 13-2 victories for them at home to 9-5 and 7-4 losses in Kitchener — as a result of the Knights adjusting to the bigger ice surface of Conestoga better than their opponents do to the small ice surface in Welland.

ADJUSTED BETTER

"We lost up there (Kitchener), but not nearly as badly as we beat them down here, because we adjusted to their ice surface better," Mr. Bassi said. "Hopefully, our last game up in Kitchener will be a win because we'll be used to the bigger dimensions."

The Knights have lost four players for different reasons, but Mr. Bassi said he is happy with the unit that remains.

"I'll keep my eye open for any potential talent around, but right now the guys I have seem to want to play more and I am content to go with them."

Mr. Bassi hopes his team's effort will carry over to tonight when the Knights play host to the Penn State Nittany Lions at the Youth Arena. Game time is 8 p.m.

"Because of schedule conflicts between us and the Junior B team, we will be playing in the Youth Arena. It's a plus for us because Penn State has never seen it before," Mr. Bassi said.

CHANCES GOOD

He is looking forward to the contest and said his squad's chances are very good but expects Penn State to be in better shape than they were for the Knights' season opener.

"It could end up being a competition between the two goalies. I expect a good game from Mark Bush," Mr. Bassi said.

"Right now, if we're on, we can beat anyone in the league,' he said.

The Knights can almost assure themselves a playoff spot with a victory over Penn State and a shot at the league lead if their play maintains last Saturday's level when they face Erie Community Kats on Jan. 30.

Following Friday's league contest against the Nittany Lions, the Knights will participate in a charity contest against the area high school hockey all-stars on Saturday night.

"It's nice for the team to play a game for a reason other than two points. It's for a good cause," Mr. Bassi said.

The $2 admission in to the game will be donated to the Niagara Child Development Centre.

Mr. Bassi also said it's a good chance for him to assess potential talent for upcoming years.

Game time is 8 p.m.

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Euchre tourney champ wins by single point

Alex Shaw, first-year law and security student, won the second euchre tournament held during the lunch hour on Tuesday with 54 points. Second place went to Jeff Dawson, a first-year business administration student, with 53 points.

The students were awarded a *$25 gift certificate, respectively.* A $15 certificate was also given to the player with the most lone hands — Kelly Benett, a general college student.

The certificates are redeemable at the Niagara College bookstore. These lunch time activites were arranged by the Student Administrative Council to give students an alternative to sports activities.

Dark desk sees light

Money for a desk lamp needed at the handicapped desk outside the Student Administrative Council office was alloted by SAC at last Monday's meeting. The desk, situated in a dark corner, will have a lamp securely fastened to prevent theft, Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said.

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SAC conflicts

"Nothing can be done now, it's gone too far," Steve said.

"There is no way to alleviate the problem at this time," Glen said.

"A lot of things have been cleared up but a few things are getting heated up again," D.L. said.

Another reason for the tension is the "difference between the people," Barb said."Everybody is totally different."

"I don't see eye to eye with everyone on everthing," D.L. said., "Another problem is the egos. There are a lot of egos in that office."

Glen agreed by saying "inconsideration, a lack of communication and swelled egos" are some of the causes. "Darryl doesn't have any more power or authority than anyone else but he doesn't realize it. He walked in here and though he could control things."

"Some of the council are in there basically for their gain and not for work," Kirk said. He went on to list things like popularity, a good time and freebies as benefits of SAC.

BE OBJECTIVE

Ralph said SAC members should "remember to keep personal feelings out (of the office) and be objective."

"I get along fine with everybody in here but feelings are personal and shouldn't be in this office," Glen said.

Barb called the problem "more of a personal conflict."

Pubs at the Aquaduck are another sore point for SAC. "A few people work there and they want pubs there, that's where some problems get caused," Barb said.

However, its constitution has been amended and now it is deemed a conflict of interest to vote on something dealing with one's place of employment.

Barb said SAC felt other locations were necessary because the Duck was used "too much last year." Barb said she and Darryl had a fight with the owners at the Aquaduck before Christmas regarding advertising using the college's name. Darryl hasn't been back since but said, "We'll definitely have another pub at the Duck."

"As far as I'm concerned, it's a bad move to go from the Duck," Glen said.

Even though students do not have a direct vote, they do affect what SAC does if they voice their opinions to SAC though talking with a SAC member or using the suggestions box, D.L. said.

"I want them to use that suggestion box because it gets results. They (suggestions) are guaranteed to get looked at," D.L. said.

"Students have input, that's what class rep meetings are for," Darryl said.

Mixed votes

business," Glen said. "What kind of meeting takes place on the ski slopes or in a bar?"

Darryl said he would have paid the money himself but felt it was part of SAC business because they are going to observe another college's winter olympics.

Darryl said he wanted someone outside of SAC to go with him for the experience but they declined. "I didn't ask her (Barb), she wanted to go."

"I have yet to see a written report from one of the conferences anyone has been on, only oral reports," Glen said.

"Most SAC members have outside jobs and it would have been hard for them to take the week off," Barb said.

"It was pre-picked, decided beforehand," D.L. said.

"They (Darryl and Barb) steamrolled it right through. It is a great experience" but "there is no way that it should have gone through the way it did," Steve McCarthy, social convener, said.

Revival of soccer, varsity team a goal

A soccer club has been formed by a group of enthusiastic students who would like to see soccer re-introduced into the college. The long-term idea is to get a varsity team started, but for now, "we've just got to get the ball rolling," Nick Minken, first-year business accounting student and president of the club, said.

"We probably have the potential to become one of the biggest clubs in the college," Tony Goss, staff liaison, said.

A $47 fee is necessary to cover the Welland Soccer Dome rental and jersey fees, but the club hopes with more interested participants, the Student Administrative Council may lend support. The new directors are preparing a presentation for SAC hoping to win its attention and approval.

"We've never had intramural soccer at the college," Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of athletics said. "We had an inter-collegiate (varsity) team in 1969-70 but it folded, and we've tried to start it up again five or six times, but have not got the numbers."

About four club teams were formed yesterday consisting of two men's teams to play Thursday evenings and two mixed teams to play Sundays — at The Dome.

The directors chosen by a show-of-hands-election were: Nick Minken, president; Julie Boone, first-year computer programming student, vice-president; Joanne Born, first-year accounting student, secretary treasurer, and directors, Rob Sardella and Dave Bernais.

Mr. Goss was chosen teams staff liaison to interact between college and staff, informing each of the teams' progress.

"The club is still open for participants, and if needed we'll just make another team," Mr. Goss said.

The schedule for practices was not finished at presstime, but it will be posted outside the library. Soccer begins in about two weeks. If anyone has questions or is interested in joining the team, contact Nick Minken or Mr. Goss.

Meeting for disabled — no way

Jim Piehl, a personnel management student who is confined to a wheelchair, is a member of the Special Needs Committee to give it a first-hand account on the needs of the disabled.

"They gave me this opportunity to sit on the committee but they didn't think how I would get from here (the library lobby) to Hennepin Hall" where the first meeting was held. It was a minor setback that took a while to figure out, he said.

Jim said this often happens when people try to help the disabled because they don't know what it is like to be handicapped and confined to a wheelchair, nor do they know all the obstacles one can encounter when disabled.

"People who aren't disabled sitting around a table discussing disabled needs won't work," Jim said. Because they are not handicapped themselves, it is impossible for them to see all the problems students with disabilities may have.

NO SOLUTIONS

The problem of designated handicapped parking spots is not being solved, Jim said. He suggested to the committee that the college hand out stickers with the disabled and the Niagara College logos on them to those who have a serious need for them. The familiar sticker of an outline of a wheelchair against a blue background are too easy to get.

Jim would like to see electrical outside doors on the Voyageur building, disabled stickers on washroom stalls designated for handicapped students and the lowering of paper towel dispensers so the wheelcair-bound person could reach them. New paper towel dispensers have been installed but they are mounted more than four feet above the floor.

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